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# H. R. 2532

To provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. CENTERS.**

4       The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make  
5       grants for the establishment of regional plant genome and  
6       gene expression research and development centers, the  
7       purpose of which shall be to—

8               (1) develop capabilities in basic plant genome  
9       research;

1           (2) extend basic plant genomics research  
2           through plant breeding programs and accelerate its  
3           application to the development and testing of new  
4           varieties of enhanced food crops and crops that can  
5           be used as alternative energy sources;

6           (3) develop alternative uses of agricultural  
7           crops; and

8           (4) serve as centers for scientific and safety in-  
9           formation on plant genomics.

10 **SEC. 2. GRANT AWARDS.**

11         Grant awards under this Act shall be made through  
12         an open, peer-reviewed competition. When making awards,  
13         the Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that as many dif-  
14         ferent agronomic environments as possible are rep-  
15         resented.

16 **SEC. 3. MATCHING FUNDS.**

17         The Secretary of Agriculture shall not provide under  
18         this Act more than 50 percent of the cost of establishing  
19         any research and development center.

20 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21         There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
22         retary of Agriculture \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and  
23         \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry out this Act.

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